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In re application of:

R.J. OBREMSKI et al.

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DETECTION OF VERY LOW For:

QUANTITIES OF ANALYTE BOUND TO A SOLID PHASE

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Box Fee Amendment Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 24, 2000, the time for response to which is extended one month by the accompanying petition to June 24, 2000, please amend the abovereferenced application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please replace Figures 1-10 filed with the application with the enclosed drawings, correspondingly.

REMARKS: I.

Claims 1-26 are pending in the application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

The Office Action requests the correction of drawings according to the PTO-948 provided with the Office Action of September 14, 1999. In response, applicants submit substitute drawings to address the informalities. Specifically, the left margins of Figures 1-10 are increased to 2.5 cm. Also, an image of better quality is provided in Figure 9. Finally, the size of the graphs in Figure

hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed

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Joyce E. Davis June 22, 2000